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702 Sterling Bank Bldg.,

Winnipeg, July 27th, 1914.

Dr: R. A. Falconer,
 President, Toronto University,
 Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

For some time many thoughtful men in Canada have been impressed by the seriousness and urgency of our social problems. In many places, individuals or societies have made an effort to meet particular needs, but there has been no general or concerted action.

A year ago, at the Canadian Conference of Charities and Corrections, which was held in Winnipeg, a group of social workers, after carefully considering the situation, decided to organize the Canadian Welfare League for the purpose of studying conditions, stimulating interest, and evolving some constructive policy.

After a careful survey of the field, we are convinced that the colleges are strategic centres for work. We should surely look to the universities for trained leadership. We consider that the objects of the League can be best accomplished by interesting the whole student body, and by training groups for professional work.

In planning the work of the League for the coming year, we think that it would be wise if possible, that the Secretary, J. S. Woodsworth, should spend a part of his time in introducing this work into some of our universities.

This summer, in Winnipeg, the University of Manitoba, in co-operation with the Industrial Bureau and the Local Council of Women, is conducting a six weeks' training course for social workers. Over sixty students have registered for the whole or for parts of the course. This shows how the work appeals to the people. The need is, I think, acknowledged by all.

Arrangements have been made by Saskatchewan University for our Secretary to give two short courses of lectures this winter on "Immigration" and on "Community Problems."

I note with a great deal of pleasure that your University is giving a course of lectures for social workers this coming term. According to the Provisional Prospectus, special lecturers are to be introduced. From the standpoint of the League, we should be glad to have access to the students, and on the important question of Immigration, your University could probably secure no Canadian who has had wider experience than our Secretary.

In J. S. Woodsworth we have, I think, one of the best informed men along the line of the problems of the masses that can be found in Canada. He spent six years in the heart of the foreign district in Winnipeg, and has been associated with nearly all the social movements in Winnipeg. He has served on several civic and government commissions. He has travelled all over Canada and knows conditions from the practical as well as the theoretical standpoint. He is well known as an author and lecturer on Canadian Problems.

He graduated from Manitoba in 1896 as a medallist in "Mental and Moral Science", took post graduate work in Toronto, and the B. D. degree from Victoria College, spent a year in study at Oxford, and travelled extensively on the continent. He has had training and experience as a teacher, and for some years, has conducted study groups in connection with Summer Schools held in various parts of Canada.

If your University contemplates doing any of this work during the coming winter, Mr. Woodsworth's services would be available part of the time. Our League is also at your service if it can in any way help you.

We should be glad to hear from you at an early date, so that we may complete our plans for the coming year.

Yours very truly,

Robert Halpern

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES - TRAINING CLASS IN SOCIAL WORK.
July 15th to August 18th, 1914.

Afternoon
 5 to 6 P. M.
Manitoba University

Evening
 8.30 to 9.30
Manitoba University

Dr. J. W. MacMillan's Course

July 13	The History of Wages	The History of Wages
" 14	A Minimum Wage	A Minimum Wage
" 15	Workmen's Compensation	Workmen's Compensation
" 16	Relief Problems	Relief Problems
" 17	Housing Problems	Housing Problems
" 20	The Rights of Children	The Rights of Children

Existing Social Agencies

Community Problems

" 21	The Juvenile Court F. J. Billiarde	The Industrial Revolution (Social Effects) J. S. Woodsworth
" 22	Child Caring Agencies F. J. Billiarde	Characteristics of the Modern City. J.S.Woodsworth
" 23	Survey of Charitable Agencies J. Howard T. Falk	Family Re-adjustments J. S. Woodsworth
" 24	The Community Centre (The Industrial Bureau) C.F.Roland	Modern Industrial Condit- ions. J. S. Woodsworth
" 27	The Health Department 5 to 5.30 Dr. A. J. Douglas Amusement Censorship 5.30 to 6 S. Clark	Unemployment (Seasonal and Casual) J. S. Woodsworth
" 28	Punitive and Reformative Institutions (Goal, Police Court & Juvenile Court, Old Penology and New) R. W. Craig	Social Pathology Dr. Jasper Halpenny
" 29	Schools and Libraries D. M. Duncan	Civic Administration T. A. Hunt K. C.
" 30	The Church Dr. A. G. Sinclair	The Church and the Community Dr. A. G. Sinclair
" 31	The Press J. W. Dafoe	The Rural Problem R. McKenzie
Aug. 3	Playgrounds L. C. Schroeder	The Rural Schools R. Fletcher

Organized Charity

Immigration

" 4	The Scope of an Associated Charities. J. H. T. Falk	Canadian Immigration J. S. Woodsworth
" 5	The Homeless Transient C. R. Austin	An Immigrant's Experience J. W. Aresnych
" 6	Family Investigation G. B. Clarke	Housing in Winnipeg Conditions and the Law E. W. J. Hague
" 7	The Use of Volunteers Rev. G. H. Broughall	The Immigrant at Home Rev. A. O. Rose
" 10	- Vacation - Civic Holiday	

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES - TRAINING CLASS IN SOCIAL WORK.

Continued.

Aug.	11	Standards of Living and Labor	J. S. Woodsworth	Training for Citizenship	Louis Kon
"	12	Special Problems in Case Work	G. B. Clarke	<u>Education</u>	
				The Broader Curriculum	C. K. Newcombe
"	13	Economics and Social Problems		The Teacher and the	Community. C.K. Newcombe
"	14	Economics and Social Problems		The Wider use of the School	Plant. Rev. H. Westwood
"	17	Eugenics	Dr. E. R. Grievson	How the Schools may impress	the principles of interdep-
				endence and co-operation.	Dr. W. A. McIntyre
"	18	Laws, Statutes and By-Laws_		Laws, Statutes and By-Laws	
		Dominion, Provincial and		etc.	
		Civic, in their relation to			
		persons in distress. J. H. T. Falk		J. H. T. Falk.	
"	19)				
"	20)	Exams.			
"	21)				

Every Tuesday and Friday morning those enrolled for the full course will attend the Lord Kelvin School to take part in the Playground Course, given by Mr. L. C. Schroeder, Supervisor of Winnipeg Public Playgrounds - on the other mornings, the Director Mr. J. S. Woodsworth, will conduct the full course students in the field work that has been planned.

Applications for registrations will be received right up till Monday morning at the Office of the Secretary, J. H. T. Falk, 301 Edwin St. 'Phone M. 2524.

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September 12th, 1914

Dr. J. Halpenny,
702 Sterling Bank Buildings,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 27th offering the services of Mr. J. S. Woodsworth for a series of lectures during the coming winter in the University of Toronto. We are inaugurating this year, as you know, a course of lectures for social workers and we have just appointed a Director for that course which covers a great many of the problems that you are endeavouring to solve. I could not venture now to propose any changes for the winter in the course as we have outlined it, particularly in view of the fact that we expect our new director to take charge very soon. I know Mr. Woodsworth and realise that he is thoroughly competent to give lectures on the subjects that you propose and I have to thank the League through you for the offer of his services. At present, however, as I have already said, I do not think that we can avail ourselves of them.

Yours sincerely,

President.